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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Section, Development Projects Division
SUBJECT : Status of Ambassador Cumming

1. Ambassador Cumming advised me 31 January that he has been asked by the new Secretary of State to remain "for the interim" as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of State, presumably advising him on intelligence matters. I suspect that this assignment is somewhat analogous to the one offered to General Goodpaster in the White House. However, as a career ambassador, it is quite likely that Cumming will be offered a post in the Department or an ambassadorship overseas. I would not infer from his remarks, however, that he would accept such an offer were it tendered to him.

2. Ambassador Cumming requested that his current Agency clearances be retained, at least until his situation is more clearly defined. I am in agreement with this.

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